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Inventor(s):

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Dear Sir:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to accept the above-referenced patent application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.47(a). A Declaration has been signed by the inventors. In the original Declaration filed on June 28, 2001, Ram Rajagopal changed his citizenship from "USA" to "Brazil", but failed to initial and date the change. The Patent Office then requested Applicant to submit a new Declaration.

As shown in the Statement of Facts submitted herewith, the undersigned has made attempts to contact Mr. Rajagopal via email, ordinary mail and certified mail, and has sent Mr. Rajagopal a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney correcting the citizenship information. Mr. Rajagopal has not returned the Declaration despite repeated attempts to contact him. Applicant submits that Mr. Rajagopal cannot be reached. The remaining inventors submit the above-referenced patent application on behalf of themselves and on behalf of Mr. Rajagopal.

The unavailable inventor's last known address is:

Ram Rajagopal
39 Constitution Way
South River, NJ 08882

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Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Fee Authorization
- Statement Of Facts and Exhibits A - C
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1. I, Jeffrey C. Hood, hereby state the following facts of which I have personal knowledge. The following facts are stated in support of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 submitted herewith in regard to the above-reference patent application.
2. On June 28, 2001, our firm filed the above-referenced application with a Declaration in which Ram Rajagopal crossed out "USA" and wrote in "Brazil" for citizenship, but failed to initial and date the change.
3. On January 10, 2005, my assistant (Jeannie Miranda) sent an email to Mr. Rajagopal at his email address (rambr@yahoo.com), requesting signature and return of an attached declaration form. The email indicated that a hard copy of the Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney would also be sent by certified U.S. Mail, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mr. Rajagopal did not respond to this email and did not return the declaration form. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

4. On January 10, 2005, I sent such hard copy to Mr. Rajagopal. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a copy of the January 10 letter and hard copy of the Declaration sent to Mr. Rajagopal via certified U.S. Mail. Also attached is a copy of the front and back of the envelope packet returned to me by the U.S. Postal Service, indicating that the certified packet was unclaimed by Mr. Rajagopal.

5. On February 11, 2005, I sent a letter and hard copy of the Declaration to Mr. Rajagopal via regular U.S. Mail. Mr. Rajagopal failed to return the signed document. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a copy of the February 11 letter and Declaration.

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Please let us know if you have questions or need further information. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

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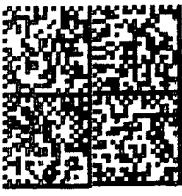


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